

**Bedford Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of Oct. 4, 2011**

Present: Donald Corey, Rose Pappert, Robert Slechta, Alethea Yates, chair  
Absent: Lorrie Dunham

**1. Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of Sept. 6 were approved 4 – 0.

**2. Financial Report:** No town report was available, but the only expenditures of the \$1220 budget have been \$513 for the Adler memorial bench and \$245.50 for JLH garden stakes.

**3. Demolition Delay application:** The application of David Brickman for demolition of property at 306 Davis Rd. was discussed and DC moved to declare it Not Significant. Motion approved 4 – 0. Consistent with the D-D bylaw, DC moved that the chair of HPC be given authority to determine significance of a property in cases where there is not time to hold a full meeting. Motion approved 4 – 0.

**4. Old Bedford Center Survey and Planning Grant:** AY reported that a letter had been received from the MHC concurring with HPC's opinion that the proposed extended Bedford Center N.R. District is eligible for N.R. nomination under criteria A and C at the local level. This determination now permits HPC to submit a new proposal for nomination of the proposed expanded area to the N.R. Kathleen Broomer has agreed to prepare the nomination for the sum of \$5000 since additional work on a number of smaller buildings is required. Request for funding from the CPC will be submitted for presentation at the Annual Town Meeting in March of 2012.

**5. Bedford Depot Park:** A new expanded and improved bikeway map, mostly prepared by DC, has been finished and is for sale. The new map includes extensions to Concord and Billerica as well as additional historic and other sites of interest with an enlarged inset of Bedford Center. Proposed painting of the Passenger Depot has not yet been done. Funds previously allocated by CPC for restoration of the Shawsheen pump house have not yet been used because no contractor would bid on the whole job and, therefore, several contracts for different phases of the work will have to be offered according the DPW's R. Warrington.

**6. Bench at Fawn Lake:** Location of the Adler memorial bench has not yet been determined.

**7. Demolition Delay application form revision:** The line for "date built" will be revised for purposes of clarity.

**8. Job Lane House.** Ay reported that the MOU has been approved and signed by all parties involved, TM, HPC, DPW, FJLH, and Facilities. Scheduled yard sale cancelled because of weather. A gift of \$150 to help compensate was given by Sharon McDonald.

**9. Wilson Mill Park:** No further information.

**10. Potential New Member for Commission:** AY has received notice that Lorrie Dunham was officially appointed as a member of the Commission by the Selectmen in late Sept. HOORAY! DC will place an article promoting recruitment of new HPC members in the Oct. issue of BHS's The Preservationist.

**11. Reorganization of files returned by Neil Leary:** AY, finding no other suitable place will keep the files at her home until further notice.

**12. Ethics Reform Bill – online training:** Members were reminded to complete the training session and report to the Town Clerk. DC, RS, LD are qualified.

**13. Updating the Comprehensive Plan:** AY presented notated copies of Ch. 5 of the Master Plan of 2002, the part pertinent to HPC. Discussion followed of parts that needed re-writing. DC and RS volunteered to assist. Soon a meeting with the Planning Committee will be scheduled and work on the updating will continue into the spring months.

**14. Jenks Nature Trail:** No new information.

**15. Dudley Road kiosk:** No new information.

**16. Old Business:** None.

**17. New Business: Freedom's Way Heritage Association** has proposed our participation in their "Strollin' and Rollin'" program in which each town is to prepare a brochure describing 5 historical sites recommended for visitation. The general consensus of the HPC was not to take part in this FWHA activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Slechta  
Clerk